

HOUSE BILL No. 2030

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-1-30.

Synopsis: Primetime program for grade 4. Expands the kindergarten to grade 3 primetime program to include grade 4. Provides that a ratio of 20 pupils to one teacher is the level at which a school corporation qualifies for a distribution for grade 4. Appropriates from the state general fund money that is in addition to other appropriations for the primetime program in the amount of \$18,300,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and \$40,100,000 in fiscal year 2000-2001.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education finance and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-1-30-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) The primetime
3 program is established to provide money to encourage school
4 corporations to lower the pupil/teacher ratio in kindergarten through
5 **third fourth** grade.

6 (b) The program shall be administered by the Indiana state board of
7 education.

8 SECTION 2. IC 21-1-30-2.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2.5. (a) In order to
10 receive a distribution under this chapter, a school corporation must
11 implement the primetime program in the following order:

12 (1) Grade 1.

13 (2) Grade 2.

14 (3) Grade 3 or kindergarten.

15 (4) The grade not chosen under subdivision (3).

16 (5) **Grade 4.**

17 (b) The amount determined in section 3(4), 3.1(4), 3.2(4), ~~or~~ 3.3(4),



or **3.4(4)** of this chapter shall be rounded in the following manner:

- (1) Greater than zero (0), but less than thirty-four hundredths (0.34) shall be treated as one-third ($1/3$).
- (2) At least thirty-four hundredths (0.34), but less than sixty-seven ~~one~~ hundredths (0.67) shall be treated as two-thirds ($2/3$).
- (3) At least sixty-seven hundredths (0.67), but less than one (1) shall be treated as one (1).

SECTION 3. IC 21-1-30-3.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 3.4. The amount to be distributed to a school corporation that implements this chapter for grade 4 is the amount determined under subdivision (6) of the following formula:**

- (1) Determine the quotient of:
 - (A) the ADM of the school corporation, as determined under section 2(2) of this chapter, in grade 4 for the current school year; divided by
 - (B) twenty (20).
- (2) Determine the lesser of:
 - (A) the amount determined under subdivision (1); or
 - (B) the number of full-time teacher equivalents employed by the school corporation for the current school year in grade 4 classes.
- (3) Determine the sum of:
 - (A) the number of full-time teacher equivalents allocated by the school corporation to grade 4 classes for the respective base year; and
 - (B) the net number of full-time teacher equivalents that the school corporation has reassigned since the base year to grade levels affected by this chapter from grade levels not affected by this chapter, as determined by the Indiana state board of education and as measured in the current year.
- (4) Determine the remainder of:
 - (A) the amount determined under subdivision (2); minus
 - (B) the amount determined under subdivision (3).
- (5) Determine the greater of:
 - (A) the amount determined under subdivision (4); or
 - (B) zero (0).
- (6) Determine the product of:
 - (A) the amount determined under subdivision (5); and
 - (B) twenty-six thousand five hundred twenty-six dollars (\$26,526) beginning with the 1999-2000 school year and for each school year thereafter.



SECTION 4. IC 21-1-30-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. If the amount determined under section 3, 3.1, 3.2, ~~or~~ 3.3, ~~or~~ **3.4** of this chapter is zero (0) because the school corporation had the average pupil/teacher ratio permitted under section 3, 3.1, 3.2, ~~or~~ 3.3, ~~or~~ **3.4** of this chapter, the amount to be distributed to that school corporation is the amount determined under subdivision (3) of the following formula:

(1) Determine the number of full-time teacher equivalents allocated by the school corporation in the applicable grade classes for the respective base years.

(2) Determine the lesser of:

(A) the amount determined under subdivision (1); or

(B) the number of full-time teacher equivalents, in the current year, allocated to the applicable grade classes with the pupil/teacher ratio permitted under section 3, 3.1, 3.2, ~~or~~ 3.3, ~~or~~ **3.4** of this chapter.

(3) Determine the product of:

(A) the amount determined under subdivision (2); and

(B) three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600).

SECTION 5. IC 21-1-30-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. (a) The Indiana state board of education shall approve the counting of classroom instructional aides as teachers under section 2(4) of this chapter or the negotiation of transfer tuition agreements between school corporations under IC 20-8.1-6.1-8(i), if the school corporation can substantiate each year that providing adequate classroom space for the attainment of the average pupil/teacher ratio permitted under section 3, 3.1, 3.2, ~~or~~ 3.3, ~~or~~ **3.4** of this chapter creates an unreasonable hardship for that school corporation.

(b) If a school corporation qualifies under subsection (a) for classroom instructional aides and the number determined under section 3(3)(B), 3.1(3)(B), 3.2(3)(B), ~~or~~ 3.3(3)(B), ~~or~~ **3.4(3)(B)** of this chapter, respectively, is greater than zero (0), that school corporation shall receive an additional amount for the hiring of classroom instructional aides equal to the number determined under the respective section 3(3)(B), 3.1(3)(B), 3.2(3)(B), ~~or~~ 3.3(3)(B), ~~or~~ **3.4(3)(B)** of this chapter, multiplied by six thousand dollars (\$6,000).

(c) If a school corporation qualifies under subsection (a) for classroom instructional aides, the school corporation shall present to the Indiana state board of education a plan concerning that school corporation's instructional aides program.

SECTION 6. IC 21-1-30-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. In order to receive a distribution under this chapter, a school corporation must substantiate, on forms prescribed by the Indiana state board of education:

(1) that, unless included in the number used in section 3(3)(B), 3.1(3)(B), 3.2(3)(B), ~~or~~ 3.3(3)(B), **or 3.4(3)(B)** of this chapter, respectively, the school corporation did not increase the pupil/teacher ratio or decrease the number of classroom instructional aides in the grade levels not affected by this chapter in order to meet the requirements of funding under this chapter; and

(2) the reasons for reassigning teachers and instructional aides, since the base year, to grade levels affected by this chapter from grade levels not affected by this chapter.

SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) The appropriation in this SECTION is in addition to other appropriations for the primetime program.

(b) The following amounts are appropriated to the department of education from the state general fund for distribution under the primetime program:

(1) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, eighteen million three hundred thousand dollars (\$18,300,000).

(2) For the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, forty million one hundred thousand dollars (\$40,100,000).

(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

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